

**Road Safety Norms**

**1344. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY:** Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned "Time for imbibing road safety culture" appearing in the 'Hindu' dated the 23rd June, 2001;

(b) whether involvement of professionals, voluntary organisations and public at large has become necessary besides upgradation of skill of the heavy vehicles drivers; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI):** (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The steps being taken are:

- (i) Giving grant-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes in order to create awareness among the public.
- (ii) Under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme, from the year 2000-2001, voluntary organizations are also considered alongside State agencies.
- (iii) National Award has been instituted for voluntary organizations/individuals for outstanding work in the field of road safety.
- (iv) All India Essay Competition on road safety are organized for school children for creating awareness among the school children.
- (v) Observance of Road Safety Week in the first week of every year across the country etc.